Wage Agreement In Hindustan Shipyard Limited

4139. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any wage agreement has been reached between the Management and the Staff Association of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to critical financial position of HSL, it has been decided to defer the signing of wage agreement.

Free Ports at Kanyakumari and Tuticorin

4140. SHRI R. RAMASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up free ports in Kanyakumari and Tuticorin; and

(b) if so, they progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government have set up an Advisory Committee to examine the desirability and feasibility of establishing a Free Port in India. A Sub-Committee thereof had preliminary discussions with the Tamil Nadu Government when some alternative sites were considered.

Sale of Goods from Defence Canteens

4141. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no duty is levied on the goods sold by the Defence canteens;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of revenue on this account;

(c) whether these canteens are specifically meant for purposes by the Defence personnel or other persons are also allowed to make purchases there;

(d) the estimated value of goods sold by the Defence canteens to persons other than Defence personnel during the year 1991 so far; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The Canteen Stores Department (CSD) is a Department under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence. The CSD makes bulk purchases of consumer goods from manufacturers/whole-salers and sells